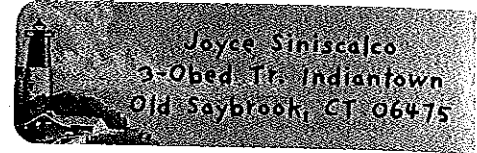


26 Jan 09



Dear:

Senator De Fronza  
Transportation Committee chairman  
Representative Guenera  
Transportation committee chairman  
Senator Boucher  
Representative Scibner

I would like you to support House Bill #5639 allowing us in Indiantown Old Saybrook to use our golf carts.

I use my golf cart quite a bit in the spring, summer + fall.

We use it to get to our beaches, activities at the beach + just throughout Indiantown.

The carts allow us to park more vehicles on our beach parking lots. We cannot park on the roads in Indiantown.

I understand that golf carts are legal in some other states.

My cart is a gas cart. One tank full lasts almost a year. Much better than my car.

There are people in our community who have problems walking. The golf carts are so enjoyable to them.

Thank you for your time.

Joyce Siniscalco, Gay Smile

860-388-9426 - cell 860-510-3078

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a senior citizen in my sixties, who enjoys golfing whenever I have the time.

I finally have the opportunity to have a golf cart and would like to be able to drive it on local roads to use it on the golf course.

I often take my neighbor, who is not able to walk the entire golf course, due to a hip problem.

The seniors would like to have your support on House Bill 5639 (allowing golf carts on local roads).

We understand that 35 states have provisions for golf cart use.

Thank-you for your help,  
Mr. Loretto Nicolette  
36 Seacrest Rd  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Tel - (860) 395-1691

January 25, 2009

To : Senator DeFranzo, Transportation Committee Chairman  
Representative Guernsey, Transportation Committee Chairman

Senator Boucher, Ranking Member  
Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 - an Act to Allow the use of Golf  
Carts on Local Roads

I am writing today to you to support House Bill 5639.  
An Act to Allow the use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

I would like to be able to drive my golf cart around  
our local roads. The parking on our narrow streets is limited.  
We visit our friends using the cart, therefore we don't have  
to park on the street. It saves gas. Therefore it saves  
our environment.

Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing

Sincerely,  
Laura Tiezzi

Laura Tiezzi  
57 Knollwood Dr  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
860 388-3643

To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman

Representative Guerrero, Transportation Committee Chairman

Senator Boucher, Ranking Member

Representative Scribner Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639-An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

I'm writing to you to support House Bill 5639

Living in a beach community is very unique, our narrow roads, 15m.p.h. speed limit, and no on street parking. We live a very leisurely lifestyle within a very close-knit community where you know everyone's names and their families, some summered their whole lives in our beach community.

Golf carts in a beach community makes life much easier and I believe safer to transport family and their beach gear to and from the beach.

Before golf carts became popular we would experience traffic jams on our main beach road. With the one way traffic pattern and narrow road one vehicle could not pass another that was stopped to pick-up or drop off people and beach gear. Now we rarely have that happen as one golf cart can pass another.

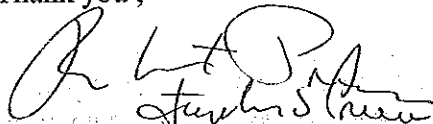
Golf carts are extremely important way of transportation for the elderly especially the disabled senior citizen. If it wasn't for their golf cart most would not be able to get around the beach area to socialize. I'm sure this brings back memories of after dinner strolls chatting with neighbors, viewing the water, which they no longer will be able to do without their golf cart. Please don't take that away from them.

Environmentally golf carts are not polluting our air-unlike the automobile.

Please, let's have Ct. join along with numerous other states in encouraging golf cart usage in small communities.

I urge you to pass House Bill # 5639

Thank you ,



Robert and Jacqueline Preece

27 Bellaire Dr.  
Cornfield Point Beach  
Old Saybrook, CT. 06475

February 4, 2009

Representative Marilyn Giuliano

Re: Support for Proposed HB 5639 – An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

Dear Representative Giuliano,

I am most appreciative of the public hearing slated to address HB 5639, a bill which I am in support of and which I hope will one day pass into law.

I am a summer resident of Cornfield Point in Old Saybrook. I am 78 years old and have several health concerns which limit my ability to walk long distances or bicycle. Due to the fact that I am also legally blind, I am prohibited from driving an automobile. As the residents of Cornfield Point vary in age and health status, I know that many in our community are inhibited in their travel abilities as I am.

It is through the use of golf carts on our narrow roads that I am able to travel throughout Cornfield Point. My family most cautiously drives me along the streets, travelling well below the posted 15mph speed limit just so I can get some fresh air and enjoy the peaceful way of life at Cornfield Point. Should I not have access to a golf cart, my ability to visit with neighbors, enjoy the sounds of the beach and feel a sense of freedom would be greatly restricted.

I earnestly request that you take into consideration the fact that if allowed to operate our golf carts, we will do so in a safe and respectful manner, obeying all driving regulations of the State of Connecticut. Please, as our population ages, do not take away the few opportunities afforded to us by the responsible use of golf carts on local roads.

Most sincerely,

Frances Dornfried

5 Gates Road

Old Saybrook, CT 06475

860-828-4210

*To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman*

*Representative Guerrero, Transportation Committee Chairman*

*Senator Boucher, Ranking Member*

*Representative Scribner, Ranking Member*

*Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads*

***Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing!***

*We are writing to ask for support of House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads. We have been summer residents in Indian Town Beach in Old Saybrook, CT for 39 years. We completely support the use of golf carts. As senior citizens, it is very difficult for us to get around like we used to—the golf cart has enabled us to remain independent, as well as remain active members within our beach community. Also, using golf carts is far more environmentally friendly than resorting to cars to get to the beach. We are proud to say that Indian Town Beach strictly enforces golf cart rules—of which we follow without question. We take our use of them as a privilege. We're only asking that towns be permitted to allow golf carts on local roads, not state roads, where the mph are set at 15-20mph.*

*Thank you in advance for the consideration of our request.*

*Sincerely,*

*Edward and Jacquelyn Flynn  
217 Dale Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109*

*12 Mohican Trail  
Indian Town Beach  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475*

Mark and Doreen Ambert  
649 Tamarack Road,  
Cheshire CT 06410

To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman; Representative Guerrera,  
Transportation Committee Chairman; Senator Boucher, Ranking Member; Representative  
Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 - An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing. I'm writing to you to support House Bill 5639, an act to allow the use of Golf Carts on local roads. We have a summer home on the corner of Red Bird Trail and Nehantic Trail in Indian Town Association which provides the main and only access to one of two very popular beaches within the association. Living on the corner of this often busy intersection, we have a great opportunity to see the benefits of using Golf Carts as the main form of transportation for moving people and belongings back and forth to the beach. Using Golf Carts in this confined community, especially during peak summer months is not a luxury, but a necessity with some very practical benefits for the community and the town of Old Saybrook. The practical side of this use is that it provides a safe way to transport people and possessions back and forth while reducing overall vehicular traffic and the associated problems of having too many cars trying to gain access to a popular but constrained area. We could not envision the adverse effects of constant car traffic on this narrow and restricted bridge road that supports all manner of foot traffic including children and beach goers that are walking, jogging, riding bikes, roller skating, skate boarding, etc. It also reduces the overhead associated with car traffic including use of gas, parking, and difficult access on a very narrow bridge and roadway. We believe our situation is not unique, but common to all local beach roads within the town and can only imagine the multiplying effect of all this car traffic and the cause for safety concerns this would bring to these types of areas.

In the many years we have been spending our summers in Old Saybrook we have witnessed zero incidents related to the sensible use of golf carts while enjoying many of the benefits mentioned above. We understand that the town is being asked to allow golf carts on local roads only, and not state roads, and feel this is a good thing where restrictive speed limits are set at 15-20mph. With the current price of gas, we would also financially suffer to have our use of golf carts restricted and hope that you will see the practical benefits and support this bill.

Thanks again for proactively recognizing the issues and your timely attention to this matter. We hope for a speedy passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

Mark and Doreen Ambert  
203-271-1671

January 30, 2009

Marilyn Giuliano  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 4200  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Representative Giuliano:

Thank you for your efforts to legalize the use of golf carts in beach communities. We are totally in favor of this, because we have seen first hand what this little bit of mobility has done for some older or handicapped people. My sister-in-law has bad arthritis, and cannot walk to the beach any longer. The golf cart allows her to take her grandchildren to the beach, and all the stuff that goes along with it. My neighbor who is handicapped, is thrilled at the little bit of independence the golf cart has given him, and he can park near the beach and socialize, and enjoy the sun. We also have a cart, and it is so much 'greener' to use rather than fire-up our gas-guzzling car when we want to take friends or family to the beach. I would hate to lose that privilege. Please keep up your efforts...we're rooting for you!

Monica and Michael Pitruzzello  
Indiantown Beach Association  
18 Mohican Tr.  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Monica K. Pitruzzello  
Michael Pitruzzello



## Use of Golf Carts in Connecticut

There are several reasons as to why Golf Carts should not be prohibited in coastal and other residential communities.

In the case of Fenwood and Knollwood, located in the town of Old Saybrook, there is a nearby golf course. There is a large number of retired residents who play golf and this a convenient way to reach the course. They are very responsible operators of the carts, and are aware of the right of way of automobiles, pedestrians, and bike riders. They drive them on the side of the highway and where possible off the highway.

Carts have been an intrigal part of the beach community and have been used to transport items to the beach in the summer. This has reduced the need for automobiles being parked on the side of the road, with the carts taking up much less parking space.

Just as other things have been Grand-fathered into law, Golf Carts are one of the past practices that should have that right. Many residents already own them and purchased them with the assumption that they would be able to use them in their community.

In addition, they are electric for the most part and do not pollute our air.

Within the communities and on roads with a speed limit of 30 MPH or less they should be allowed.

I personally believe that anyone driving a Golf Cart should be 16 years of age and possess a valid State of Connecticut drivers license.

Golf Carts should possess lights if they are driven after dusk.

Those using Golf Carts welcome any attempt to make the highways safer for automobiles, golf carts, pedestrians, bike riders and motorcycle operators.

Thanks you for your efforts to allow the continued use of golf carts in a safe and reasonable manner, and for your consideration in this matter.

Jon and Carol Bayer  
6 Fenwood Road  
Old Saybrook, Ct.  
06475

February 6, 2009

To: Senator Defronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman  
Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman  
Senator Boucher, Ranking Member  
Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Golf carts in beach communities

I am writing in support of House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads.

Golf carts are an essential part of life in area beach communities of which many are a retirement location. They offer convenient transportation to the beach area for elder residents where, in the typical community, the roads are narrow and summer traffic is heavy. These roads have posted speed limits usually 25 MPH or lower.

Most are battery powered which is eco-friendly.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss please contact me.

Very truly yours,

David J. Koloski  
6 Fenwood Parkway  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
860-388-9675  
davekoloski@yahoo.com

**Williams, David**

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**From:** Pauline Kezer [pauline@kezerconsulting.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2009 12:37 PM  
**To:** Williams, David  
**Subject:** letter re golf carts

January 26, 2009

To: Members of the General Assembly's Transportation Committee (and Chairman Sen. Don DeFronzo, in particular)

From: Ken and Pauline R. Kezer  
47 Owaneco Trail  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
HOME: 860.388-5633  
cell: 860.874.1543

RE: HB 5369 – AAC use of golf carts on local roads

Urge passage of this bill:

--- We live in Old Saybrook in Indian Town Beach where many residents use golf cars in lieu of cars during the summer months. We personally do not own or use a golf cart, but we support those who do. If every golf cart that passes our house on the way to the beach was a car, we would have a serious safety issue. Many children and walkers are around during the warm weather and our streets do not have sidewalks and are by today's standards, quite narrow. The use of golf carts is far preferable to the use of cars in this area. In addition, the environmental impact is far less with the carts.

I can understand the need to restrict golf cart use on major roads in Old Saybrook, but an exemption for beach association streets is in order.

Thank you for listening and hope you will support HB 5369.

5639

2/6/2009

DAVID OWEN STONER  
96 FENWOOD DRIVE  
OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475

TO: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman  
Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman

Senator Boucher, Ranking Member  
Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

RE: HB 5639 – An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

I am the President of the District of Fenwood in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. The District is made up of 147 families...we are a taxing district and own and maintain our beach and pier on Long Island Sound. This is our only asset.

This facility is accessible by walking or car, though we only have five parking spaces on the roads leading to the beach. [Three such spaces are two tenths of mile from the beach...a true problem for the handicapped or the elderly.] Clearly this is not enough for our residents to get to the beach and transport beach chairs, food, coolers, fishing equipment, beach umbrellas or other equipment. We have a number of elderly residents who can't walk the five or six blocks to the beach, much less carry the paraphernalia needed for a pleasant stay on the beach. And younger parents can't get the equipment and kids to the beach.

We have long depended upon golf carts as a means of transportation to the beach. It makes the facility readily accessible, solves the parking problem, creates no pollution, and makes the beach available to all ages.

The posted speed limit within the District is 20 mph. To the best of my knowledge, we have never had a speeding problem or speeding ticket issued within the District. Clearly golf carts are NOT a menace or threat to accident or injury. Our members have always lived by the local ordinance [recently rescinded] that only licensed drivers may use and operate golf carts.

Without this proposed bill, our members will either have to forego use of the beach, or drastically reduce use of this wonderful facility. Please consider this change carefully and vote to approve this legislation.

Thank you,

David Owen Stoner  
President  
District of Fenwood

MICHAEL D. ARDUINI

21 Owaneco Trail  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
Phone (860) 395-9131  
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February 5, 2009

To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman

Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman

Senator Boucher, Ranking Member

Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing.

I'm writing to you to support House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads.

As resident and executive board member of Indian Town Beach Association in Old Saybrook, CT, I would like to take this opportunity to express how much of an asset golf carts have become for our community. I am consistently reminded by both observation and testimonials from other residents on how they have become such a welcomed addition to the roadways.

Two main points that I would like to highlight are safety and emissions. I am also a parent of a 7 year old daughter and we live on the corner of a 5 way intersection. Prior to golf carts in our community the automobile traffic was much more extensive and I have witnessed some very close calls with automobiles and pedestrians that could have been catastrophic. In my opinion, I would much rather have a golf cart going 14 mph than a car doing 40 mph. The second point I would like to make is the reduction in green house gas and emissions that is used by either gas/electric golf carts vs. automobiles. As a board association member I can attest that auto traffic has been cut significantly since the induction of golf carts which translates to a cleaner, healthier environment.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael D. Arduini

ELIZABETH E. STONER  
96 FENWOOD DRIVE  
OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475

To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman  
Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman

Senator Boucher, Ranking Member  
Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -- An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing.

I am writing to you to support House Bill 5639 to allow the use of golf carts on local roads. I live in the District of Fenwood. It is a district made up of 147 families, and lies about one half mile from the public golf course in Fenwick. We moved here three years ago after living for 35 years in New Canaan. We wanted a different life style, one in which we could enjoy our retirement.

The District of Fenwood has its own beach, a pier for fishing, and most importantly, easy access to the golf course in Fenwick. Shortly after moving here, we joined Fenwick and purchased a golf cart. It is literally a short three minute ride to the course...all on local Fenwood roads where the posted speed is 20 mph. We only cross the State Road 154 from the parking lot at Fenwick Golf Club to the first tee. [I understand that this is still permissible] But the half mile on local roads is now illegal unless this legislation passes. There must be a dozen or more other seniors who make this trip on an almost daily basis, all of whom will have a much different and undesirable quality of life if this legislation is not passed.

We purchased the carts believing they are legal, which they were based upon Old Saybrook ordinances. All are electric, hence there is virtually no pollution, noise or danger. In addition to getting to the golf course, the cart provides me the ability to visit neighbors and get to the beach, activities I might not do as often without the use of such a vehicle.

Please approve this bill and restore our quality of life style which we thought we found in Old Saybrook.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth E. Stoner

EDWARD S. TUCKER, M.D.  
67 NORTH MAIN STREET  
ESSEX, CONNECTICUT 06426

ESSEX: 860-767-1411  
FAX: 860-767-1233

January 20, 2009

Representative Marilyn Giuliano

**RE:** Santino "Mags" Magnano  
**DOB:**

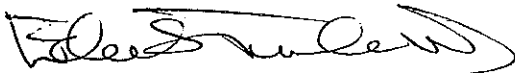
Dear Representative Giuliano:

I have been asked to write a letter supporting the position of Mr. Magnano for a continuation of use of his golf cart for mobility about the Borough of Fenwick and specifically to the golf course in Fenwick. Mr. Magnano suffered a devastating stroke in June of 1988 and that left him with severe impairment of his left side to the point that it essentially is nonfunctional. He is unable to walk any significant period of time and certainly would be unable to walk from his house to the golf course in Fenwick. Using a golf cart also enables Mr. Magnano to access the beach area to watch his grandchildren play. He has used the golf cart safely, as have many residents in the Old Saybrook beach community.

Mr. Magnano is what I have frequently called a poster boy for stroke rehabilitation. He has participated actively in rehabilitation programs at Gaylord and has used his ability to play golf as an inspiration to other stroke patients. Everything that can be done to allow him to continue his golf game and specifically his physical activities will not only benefit Mr. Magnano, but the population of stroke patients at large.

Thank you for your attention and hopefully you will be able to provide the assistance needed.

Cordially,



Edward S. Tucker, M.D.  
Consultant in Neurology

EST/rcr

February 4, 2009  
54 Carriage Drive  
Manchester, Ct 06040-6611

Senator DeFronzo  
Transportation Committee Chairman  
Legislative Office Building – Capital Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator DeFronzo:

My husband and I are summer residents in Old Saybrook at 25 Cranton Street, in Chalker Beach.

We use our golf cart to take our grandchildren to the beach, which gives us all a great deal of enjoyment. We are in favor of Proposed Bill No. 5639 – an act to allow the use of golf carts on local roads in the beach communities.

I plan to attend the public meeting in support of this bill. I hope this bill contains a statement that golf carts are to be operated by a valid licensed driver.

Yours truly,

  
Marianne Chambers

  
Robert Chambers



To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman

Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman

Senator Boucher, Ranking Member

Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing.

I'm writing to you to support House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads.

I and most members of our community believe that the allowed use of golf carts on our local beach roads and roads with 25 mph max limit would enhance the safety, convenience, and enjoyment of our community. Golf carts, most of which are electric, reduce our dependence gasoline while they enhance the safety in our small and crowded parking lots; consider the difference between a large SUV, surrounded by children, backing out of a parking space as compared to a small golf cart in the same situation. As you probably know, golf carts have been used in these situations for many years with a very good safety record; which, certainly may be enhanced by legislation controlling the use of proper lighting and the age of the drivers.

Our beach community has parking for about 25 cars in our beach/marina parking area while we have almost 300 houses. Use of carts results in many more distant [many live almost ¼ of a mile from the beach] residents being able to get their children and beach toys to our facility without the concern about not finding a spot in our crowded parking. We also have many senior citizens and handicapped residents who depend on their carts for much of their neighborhood travel.

I believe that the use of golf carts [or as we call them, beach carts] in this situation is a good thing that most of us enjoy, and have come to depend on for a reasonable method of transportation in a situation where a large number of SUVs and pickup trucks is not green, convenient, nor safe.

Thank you for considering my written testimony.

Respectfully;  
Robert Bubello  
165 Old Post Rd.  
Old Saybrook, Ct. 06475

To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman

Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman

Senator Boucher, Ranking Member

Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing.

I'm writing to you to support House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads.

The very first golf cart in our association was purchased by my 70 year old father-in-law following open heart surgery. While it was difficult and uncomfortable for him to get in and out of a car, the golf cart was easier to access. It gave him the opportunity to travel the 500 yards to the beach parking lot and enjoy the view. He made this trip 4-5 times per day and represented a huge improvement in his quality of life.

We now have nearly 100 carts in our association evidencing their popularity. They have resulted in reduced automobile traffic on our streets, improved our parking safety in beach parking lots and offer a great alternative to sand in the car!

As a beach association, our pedestrian traffic increases significantly in the summer months as residents walk to and from the beach. Given our narrow streets, the smaller golf carts offer safer passage with oncoming traffic. Often residents will simply pull their cart onto adjacent lawns if necessary.

Our association has been very safety conscious with golf carts. We actually require residents to obtain a numbered license plate if they wish to utilize association parking facilities. This enables us to identify cart owners and take corrective action if we detect improper or unsafe use. We have a very strong "self policing" idealism when it comes to carts because they are really important to our community and we respect and understand the privilege.

Respectfully,

Clayton Palmer  
104 Nehantic Trail  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

To: Representative Guerrero, Transportation Committee Chairman

Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

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We live in a small beach community and believe the use of golf carts on local beach roads is a good idea. Not only is it environmentally sound, it allows the elderly to get around and enjoy our shoreline as well as attend many outdoor functions held in the summer. A majority of the golf carts are electric. Instead of using cars to get around from the beach and various activities held by the association as well as gatherings among friends we use a golf cart. Thereby easing our parking issues as there is no on street parking due to our narrow streets.

Thank you,

Henry & Francine Cosker  
95 Nehantic Trail  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

To: Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

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Old Saybrook, CT 06475

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Thank you,

Carol & Gary Crawford  
5 Mohican Trail  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

To: Senator DeFronzo and Representative Antonio Guerrero  
Transportation Committee  
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

From: Mr. Gary R. Gendreau  
129 Hunting Hills Drive  
Southington, CT 06489  
(860) 628-4004

Date: February 9, 2009

Re: Senate Bill 699: An Act Concerning the Registration and Operation of Certain Low Speed Neighborhood Electric Vehicles:

Sirs,

Please consider adopting the above Act which would allow Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV's) to be operated on city streets which have a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour (MPH) or less. There are many beneficial reasons to allow these vehicles. Below I have noted just a few of the benefits to the general public.

1. NEV's are battery operated, low speed vehicles and would act as a viable alternative to gasoline or diesel powered vehicles. When someone chooses, like I have, the 100 % renewable energy option for their residential electricity, the vehicle will, in effect, run on a completely renewable energy source. This will result in no airborne pollution. Additionally, the batteries are recyclable and would not end up in a landfill.
2. NEV's are presently allowed on city streets in over 40 states, meet federal standards for safety and are a proven, safe mode of transportation. These vehicles are governed at a maximum speed of 25 MPH which is the reason why they can be operated safely on streets which have a posted speed of 35 MPH or less. Each of these vehicles needs to be registered, carry the necessary liability insurance and be operated by a licensed driver.
3. At present, Connecticut law allows these vehicles to operate on state college campuses. Expanding the current Connecticut law to include city streets would allow immediate use of these vehicles by the general population.
4. As these vehicles are not costly to purchase and maintain, they will become an affordable alternative to larger, more expensive passenger vehicles. Students, senior citizens, those of limited means and environmentally conscious citizens would find these vehicles attractive.
5. Additional jobs in Connecticut would result. Sales people must be hired, mechanics need to be trained and facilities must be built for the sale and maintenance of these vehicles. This expansion of the overall automobile fleet would add additional tax revenue to both the state and individual towns via State Income Taxes and Local Property Taxes.
6. If the Act is adopted, Connecticut would join many of its neighbors across the country in taking the first step toward allowing its citizens to have a viable alternative to using fossil fuels for transportation.

Thank You,

Gary R. Gendreau

**PETER A. OSHANA  
17 FAIRVIEW ST  
NEW BRITAIN, CT.  
860-229-4040**

**JANUARY 24, 2009**

**To: Senator Don DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman  
Representative Guerrera, Transportation Chairman  
Senator Boucher, Ranking Member  
Representative Scribner, Ranking Member**

**Re: SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED HB5639, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF  
GOLF CARTS ON LOCAL ROADS.**

**Dear Committee Members,**

**I write to you as a person with special needs in support of the above mentioned  
House Bill.**

**Being a summer resident (25 years) at Indian Town, a beach community in Old  
Saybrook, Ct. I along with many other people with special needs and seniors have  
been dependant on the use of golf carts to get around the beach community.**

**The golf cart allows us to be an active member in the community. These  
achievements weather being civic or social means a great deal to many of us.  
Without the use of golf carts our activities would be greatly minimized**

**Since the golf cart became popular I have never seen or heard of a problem  
concerning anyone who drives them.**

**Most of the carts are equipped with lights, horns, and review mirrors. The carts  
with limited equipment such as no lights aren't driven at night. Only licensed  
drivers operate these vehicles day or night.**

**Sincerely,**



**Peter A. Oshana  
Senior Citizen With Special Needs**

**JEFFREY D OSHANA  
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January 25, 2009

To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman  
Representative Guerrero, Transportation Chairman  
Senator Boucher, Ranking Member  
Representative Scribner, Ranking Member

Re: Support for proposed **HB5639 – AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF GOLF  
CARTS ON LOCAL ROADS**


Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this letter to let your committee know I support HB5639 for my parents. My parents for years have been spending their summers at Indian Town, Old Saybrook. My father enjoys being very active man. He now suffers with a spinal disorder which does not allow him to walk very far or for to long. He has been relying on his golf cart as is many of his friends also to get around.

It's a joy to see him happy when he is able to get involved on committee's as he has done for years or just being able to visit his friends in the beach community. He can only do this with the use of his golf cart.

This bill means a lot to me and even more to him.

Thank you in advance,



Jeffery D. Oshana



**MARK R CALDARELLA**

**January 26, 2009**

**To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman**

**Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman**

**Senator Boucher, Ranking Member**

**Representative Scribner, Ranking Member**

**Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads**

**Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing.**

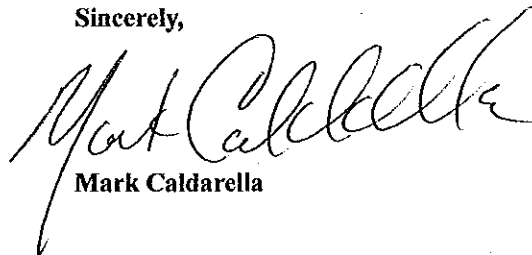
**I'm writing to you to support House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads.**

**My wife and I are only asking that towns be permitted to allow golf carts on local roads, not state roads, where the mph are set at 15-20mph.**

**I am a currently property owner of a seasonal home located on 98 Nehantic Trail in Old Saybrook Connecticut, which is located in the Indiantown Beach community. My wife and I use our property in Old Saybrook about 5 months out of each year. We are current owners of an electric golf cart that we use on a daily basis. The use of this golf cart is critical to my being able to enjoy the beach and other assets that Indiantown offers. I walk with a leg brace and my ability to walk distances is limited! The use of our golf cart is critical to my enjoyment of the beach during our time we are there, promotes ease of parking due to the narrow streets as well as promoting and improving beach access and allows me to easily attend social activities that my community offers. We only use the golf cart within the beach community to go to and from the beach area numerous times during the day and months that we are in residence.**

**The use of the golf cart reduces the use of our car to accomplish the same tasks. It also helps us to keep our fuel costs down and helps the environment by using electricity and keep down green house gases.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Caldarella', written in a cursive style.

**Mark Caldarella**

January 26, 2009

Representative Marilyn Giuliano  
State Capitol  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Representative Giuliano:

I am a resident of Knollwood Beach in Old Saybrook, CT. I live on Maple Avenue (Route 154). I golf regularly at the Fenwick Golf Course. The distance from my home to the course is less than a mile. There are wide shoulders which more than accommodate a golf cart for all but a few hundred yards near the course where there is adequate room to get off the road. This is a scenic area with a 30 mile per hour speed limit. It is not congested and there is no danger to a golf cart. In fact, this area is filled with bicyclers who weave in and out and pose a much greater hazard than senior adults driving a golf cart.

The person I golf with must use a cart. There are no carts available at Fenwick Golf Course so a person with physical limitations is discriminated against if unable to get to the course without a cart. I am sure this applies to many other people. The parking lot at the Fenwick course is small and would not accommodate the cars of the people who now get there by cart.

I strongly request your support of House Bill 5639. I also request the language of the bill to include Route 154 in Old Saybrook which has been designated as a Scenic Route and is the only way to get to the Fenwick Golf Course.

It should be noted that thirty-five (35) states have provisions for golf cart use on roads.

Sincerely yours,

*Judith A. Chace*

Judith A. Chace

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*Dear Marilyn, FYI*

*I know this is your  
bill - thank you. This is  
the letter I have sent to  
De Fronzo, Boucher,  
Guerrera and Scribner*

*To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman*

*Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman*

*Senator Boucher, Ranking Member*

*Representative Scribner, Ranking Member*

*Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads*

***Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing!***

*I'm writing to ask for support of House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads. I have been a summer resident in Indian Town Beach in Old Saybrook, CT for 39 years. In 2005, I moved to Old Saybrook as a permanent resident. The reasons why I am in support of golf cart usage are several in number. First off, parking has always been an issue in my beach community. Since we have been able to use golf carts as our primary source of transportation, such is no longer the case. Also, my parents are elderly and being able to use the golf cart has served as their sole means for socializing within the neighborhood. I can honestly say that Indian Town Beach strictly enforces golf cart rules and we take our use of them as a privilege— not to be abused. We're only asking that towns be permitted to allow golf carts on local roads, not state roads, where the mph are set at 15-20mph.*

*Thank you in advance for the consideration of my request.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lee-Ann M. Flynn  
7 Obed Trail  
Indian Town Beach  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475*

To: Senator DeFronzo, Transportation Committee Chairman

Representative Guerrera, Transportation Committee Chairman

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Re: Support for proposed HB 5639 -An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads

Thank you for giving House Bill 5639 a public hearing.

I'm here today -or -writing to you to support House Bill 5639, An Act to Allow the Use of Golf Carts on Local Roads.

As a resident of Wethersfield, Ct. and also a seasonal resident of Indiantown association, I feel strongly that we are being extremely "green" when operating our golf carts. Old Saybrook operates a most unique transfer station and residents are given every opportunity to recycle almost all household goods. This ecological viewpoint is also used in our trips to the beach where there is little parking for cars. The use of golf carts on only local roads allows little fuel to be used and the 15-20 mph makes it a very safe alternative. My elderly mother is also a concern, being that she would be unable to would to the beach. The utmost attention is given to safety and all golf carts are numbered and watched for proper usage by all residents.

I thank you for your attention in this matter and await a favorable review.  
Sincerely, Maureen Willsey  
18 Broad Street  
Wethersfield, Ct. 06109



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Dear Rep Marilyn Giuliani,

Santino Magnano is a very pleasant 65 year old gentleman that I have been caring for over the past decade. He has a history of prior stroke related to occlusion of the right internal carotid artery. This has left him with significant left leg weakness and he utilizes a brace for ambulation. In 2001, he underwent complex multi-vessel bypass surgery at HH. He served as a model for recovery with stroke patients given his determination with exercise and the rehab program.

Mr. Magnano has a love for golf and actually utilizes golf as his major form of exercise. He will commonly play 9 or 18 holes multiple times per week. Because of his left leg weakness as a handicap, he utilizes a golf cart. The cart is not for convenience, but out of necessity because he has difficulty walking prolonged distance.

It has come to my attention that they are now starting to enforce a law that prohibits the use of golf carts on Old Saybrook streets. If Mr. Magnano is not given some type of exemption because of his handicap, he will no longer be able to drive his golf cart from the Knollwood Beach Cottage to his Fenwick Golf Course. He will also be prohibited from traveling down to the beach area which is another form of activity for Mr. Magnano. With his leg brace and limp it would be very difficult for him to cross Maple Avenue to get to the beach walkway. It is much safer for him to utilize the golf cart.

As a cardiologist, I have been encouraging Mr. Magnano to remain active and continue to use golf as exercise. I would hate to see the golf cart "banned", prohibiting him from this activity as it will have a deleterious affect on his overall general health (with anticipated weight gain, etc.). I know very well about his "passion" for golf and it is one of the few things that keeps him going on a daily basis while he inspires people around him.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide Mr. Magnano to give him special exemption to utilize his golf cart without penalty. I would be happy to speak with you on the phone or in person if necessary. Given our busy schedules, I am hoping that this letter will convey my concerns about the situation.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Respectively,

Joseph J. Corning, MD